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TO: 21st Century Project Department Stakeholders

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RE: **Update on the 21st Century Project**

In our last update of February 8, 2008 (21st Century Project Letter #08-001), the Project introduced the new Design phase and adjustments to the overall Project schedule. The new schedule and approach is beneficial to the State by developing full functionality for the first go-live date. This reduces risk by assuring that system testing has been conducted with a fully integrated system. The first deployment is scheduled for the third quarter of 2009, with two subsequent deployments through 2010.

The Project team continues to complete configuration and unit test the configured areas of the application. To finalize system configuration and prepare for further testing, the team has been collaborating with various departments to gather additional information to complete the Design Phase. To date, the majority of the planned information gathering sessions have been conducted. During these sessions, the information provided has proven to be extremely valuable and productive. Through these sessions, the Project team gained a greater level of understanding of the processes which will be used to ensure the State's needs are met. The remaining sessions will provide the Project team with the information required to finalize configuration of the system.

The Project team is also finalizing the system deployment approach and will share the proposed go-live deployment schedule with departments towards the end of June 2008. The Project team will begin to work with each department to build an internal Department Support Team to manage each department's deployment efforts through full system implementation. To facilitate a successful transition, the Project's Deployment Team will provide departments with the deployment education, processes, and tools that will help minimize impacts to department productivity.

The Project has been working in partnership with other major State projects, such as FISCAL, HR Modernization (DPA/SPB), Pension System Resumption (CalPERS), and BIS (CDCR). It is critical to coordinate with these other major State efforts so that each implementation is successful.

Over the last month, we advanced our communications efforts by attending various Human Resources Forums (i.e., AdHoc Committee on Personnel). At these forums, attendees received information about the schedule and upcoming activities. We will continue to communicate Project activities by providing updates and attending these forums. Look for an invitation to upcoming Stakeholder Meetings scheduled for later in May and early June.

Your continued support is appreciated. We look forward to working with you in the coming months as we move closer to implementation of the new system. For specific information about our timeline, presentation materials or other information about the Project, visit our website at the address below.

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